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**TO:** Insurers, Self-Insurers, and Self-Insured Groups  
**FROM:** Catherine R. Farnam RN, MS, CS, Director, Office of Health Policy  
**DATE:** December 23, 2002  
**RE:** Compensation Review System

This memo is to update you regarding the implementation plan for the Compensation Review System (CRS) data collection that will begin on January 1, 2003. The Department will expect the first quarter data submission on or before April 30, 2003.

As previously described we will be collecting data quarterly for back injuries only. The information collected will be based on the date of payment for treatment approved by the insurer. For example, if the insurer approved payment on January 1, 2003 for a procedure completed in December of the previous year, it should be included in the 2003 data aggregate.

First quarter claims data should include all office visits, physical therapy treatments, occupational therapy treatments, chiropractic visits, and x-rays for back injuries for January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003. CRS data is to be sent via CD-ROM to the Office of Health Policy or e-mail to [franc@dia.state.ma.us](mailto:franc@dia.state.ma.us). All data is to be in either excel or text format. Fran Clarke can address any further questions that you might have. Her telephone number is 617 727-4900 x583.

These are the CRS data fields to be reported to the Department:

**Required fields:**

- ☐ Gender
- ☐ Date of Birth
- ☐ Claimant Zip Code
- ☐ Date of Injury
- ☐ Date of Treatment
- ☐ CPT Code (All CPT Codes associated with listed ICD9 codes)
- ☐ Primary ICD-9 Code
- ☐ Insurer's Federal Employee ID #
- ☐ Insurer's Claim #
- ☐ Provider's Federal Employer ID#
- ☐ Provider Zip Code

I have enclosed a list of all the ICD-9 codes associated with back injuries that are to be reported. Although this list is not all inclusive, you will find it representative of many of the ICD-9 codes found involved with workers having back injuries. We are collecting **ALL CPTs** associated with listed ICD9s.

**Note:** The Primary ICD-9 code is the one associated with the claim reported within the last 30 days of the medical treatment and having the greatest payment cost during that period.

We have also listed below the insurer entities in which we believe you are associated with or you have any other questions or concerns regarding the implementation of the CRS feel free to contact Fran Clarke at (617) 727-4900 x 583 or email [cathyf@dia.state.ma.us](mailto:cathyf@dia.state.ma.us). Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.